
Minutes
Workshop Meeting
August 25, 2015

Attendance: Mayor Kenneth Neilson, Councilmen Garth Nisson, Thad Seegmiller, Kress Staheli, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, City Recorder Danice Bulloch, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Police Chief Jim Keith, Leisure Services Director Barry Blake, Audience: Abbie Dickie, Natalie Grisier, Sydney Dobson, Megan Bang, Brenda Brown, Kaysha Price, Teresa Willie, Jarom Price, Miles Callahan, Kye Nordfelt, Sara Lang, Ruth Batt, Sue Crosby, Brad Allen, Dantzelle Allen, Kolene Granger, Jean Arbuckle, Troy Belliston

Excused: Councilmen Ronald Truman and Jeff Turek

Meeting commenced at 6:00 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Councilman Staheli made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Seegmiller seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>

2. Discussion regarding Tobacco Specialty Business regulations. Kaysha Price, Health Educator Southwest Utah Public Health Department

Kye Nordfelt Director of Health at the Southwest Public Health Department reviewed the statistics of youth who have used tobacco and E-Cigarettes. He explained how an E-Cigarette works, and why they have become so attractive to young people.

Megan Banen stated there are many kids in the school system using E-Cigarettes. They are easier for them to get, and do not understand there is nicotine in them. She would like to ask that no other smoke shops be allowed in Washington City.

Mayor Neilson asked if the schools have a policy on E-Cigarettes.

Ms. Banen stated there is a policy in place, but the only way it can be enforced is if it is witnessed.

Gabrielle Nickie stated this is a problem. It is affecting some many more young people. These types of devices are not proven to be safe. She thinks Washington City should prevent vapor shops.

Councilman Seegmiller reviewed the Ordinance for smoke shops. There are governmental entities, which have already stated these types of shops are allowed. However, Washington City can define how those types of shops are allowed and regulated.

Mr. Nordfelt reviewed example Ordinances how other Municipalities have regulated smoke shops.

Council discussed options for regulating Specialty Tobacco Businesses.

Mayor Neilson asked City Attorney Jeff Starkey to move forward with a new ordinance regulating Specialty Tobacco Businesses.

3. Update from the Washington City Band and consideration to schedule a public hearing to grant a donation of funds to the Washington City Band. Sara Lang, Band President

Ruth Batt and Sara Lang introduced the Washington City Band and their mission statement. They presented a powerpoint regarding the band structure a video of performances. They are requesting a small donation of \$1500 to help with costs associated with the band.

It was the consensus of Council they would hold a public hearing in order to proceed with a donation.

Mayor Neilson asked this item be placed on the September 23rd agenda.

4. Discussion and review of the proposed amendment to the City Code, Section 5.2.3 Parking Regulations. Jim Keith, Police Chief

Police Chief Jim Keith reviewed the proposed changes to the Parking Regulations in the Washington City Code. There is an issue with items being parked on the street, and once they are tagged, they get moved 20 feet, and they then comply with the ordinance. This is a repeated problem, and a nuisance to the surrounding property owners. The changes to the parking regulations with help with this problem.

Councilman Staheli clarified the number of the proposed ordinance.

Police Chief Keith asked the City Recorder to place the ordinance in proper format to bring back to Council for approval.

5. Discussion and review of distribution list for the RAP Tax. Kress Staheli, Councilman

Councilman Staheli stated he felt after previous discussions it would be appropriate to allow Washington City to use up to 1/3 of the money leaving 2/3 of the balance of RAP Tax for outside

entities to apply for funds.

Councilman Seegmiller asked if it would be appropriate for Washington City to approve a resolution outlining parameters for the RAP Tax money.

City Attorney Starkey stated Washington County has an advisory panel set up to review applicants for RAP Tax. They have a form online, which specifically sets out the guidelines for what funds can be used for. They then have a submittal process with a standardized form. Washington City would not need an advisory panel, as the Council could serve this purpose, but parameters should be set. This could be done in a resolution and the City can use the money for their own projects as well.

Councilman Staheli stated we do not want RAP Tax to go to items already existing in the budget. A downtown project would be good, but a portion should be set aside for non-profit organizations locally. The Washington City Band is a perfect example of an appropriate use of money.

Council discussed parameters required for RAP Tax money.

Councilman Staheli stated he would like to work on a resolution to set parameters, which Washington City Council feels would be requirements for obtaining a portion of the money.

6. Adjournment


Councilman Seegmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Nisson seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilman Nisson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Seegmiller</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Staheli</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of September 2015.

Attest by:


Danice B. Bulloch, City Recorder



Washington City


Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

